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FINAL SUSPECT SOUGHT IN KIDNAP / ROBBERY SERIES

(San Diego) In the series dubbed the "Sobriety Check Kidnap Series", the suspects would cruise the Gaslamp Quarter in the late night and early morning hours looking for potential victims. They preyed on intoxicated males found walking down the street. On several occasions, they identified themselves as undercover officers and told the victims they were "taking them in" for being intoxicated. The suspects would then place the victims in the suspects' vehicle and drive them around the downtown area, in some cases for more than an hour. The suspects would force the victims to give up their cell phones and wallets, taking cash, credit cards and ATM cards. After forcing the victims to give up their ATM access numbers, the suspects would drop the victims off at random locations.

As previously reported, San Diego Police Department Robbery Unit detectives, working closely with the San Diego County District Attorney's Office, arrested Hassan NUR (20), Mohamud MOHAMED (23), and Mohamed MOHAMED (25), in connection with this series of kidnap robberies that occurred in the Gaslamp Quarter between August and December, 2011. A fourth suspect was outstanding. He was described as a dark skinned male, 25-30 years old, 6'3", weighing 250 pounds with black hair and dark eyes.

Detectives have identified the final suspect as Christian Robert Fanua, 27. Fanua's photograph is attached to page 2 of this Release.

Investigators believe there are additional victims who have not reported their crimes. The District Attorney's Office and the San Diego Police Robbery Unit are requesting anyone who may have been victimized by these individuals or has information about these cases, including the whereabouts of Fanua, to contact the San Diego Police Department Robbery Unit at (619) 531-2299.

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Christian FANUA
Samoan male, 27 years old
6'3", 265 pounds
Black hair, brown eyes.
FANUA is known to frequent Mira Mesa and Southeastern San Diego.